

DNR News

Fort Harrison State Park
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Fort Harrison State Park to Host Civil War Encampment and Skirmish for Mother's Day Weekend

Fort Harrison State Park will host the second annual Civil War Encampment on Saturday, May 10th and Sunday, May 11th from 10a – 4p each day near the park office.

The program will feature a military encampment from both sides of the conflict, north and south. The program will highlight civil war era cannons, uniforms, and demonstrations of civil war weaponry. There will be an open civil-war era camp featuring camp life during the civil war period of 1861 to 1865.

Fort Harrison State Park was named in honor of Fort Benjamin Harrison, the US Army base in northeastern Indianapolis from 1904 to 1996. Fort Harrison was named for President Benjamin Harrison, a civil-war General in command of the 70th Indiana Infantry Regiment. The 70th Regiment fought several major battles in the Civil War, including the Battle of Resaca, Georgia, in May 1864. In March, 1865, Harrison was promoted to Brigadier General after the Battle of Peach Tree Creek. Benjamin Harrison was elected the 23rd President of the United States in 1889.

There is no fee for this program, the weekend DNR gate-fee of \$5/in-state and \$7/out-of-state applies.